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Extreme Fire Danger Alert

A "red flag warning" has gone into effect today (Wednesday, October 19) and for the next several days as Santa Ana winds have begun to blow, bringing with them hot, dry conditions. A Red Flag Warning is a warning issued by the United States National Weather Service to inform area firefighting and land management agencies, and the public at large, to an ongoing or imminent critical fire weather pattern. Our severe lack of rain, which we are considering a "new normal," is making the situation particularly worrisome.

On Friday, October 14, LA City Councilmember Paul Koretz unveiled one of 50 new "high fire alert" signs that's been installed in the hillside communities with a phone number for residents to call if they see suspicious activity in the hills during the high fire alert Santa Ana Wind season. For emergencies call 911. To report suspicious activity call Ranger Services: (310) 456-7049.

"As we move into the most dangerous part of fire season, the Santa Ana wind season, what we have to do is be prepared and be vigilant. Be on the lookout for smoke or suspicious behavior," Councilmember Koretz said. "We've seen what can happen once a fire gets established. To borrow from our office of Homeland Security, if you see something, say something. In this tinderbox climate, we need to knock out the fires before they get started."

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Executive Director, Joe Edmiston, came to explain the dangers facing the hillside communities, especially considering the ongoing “new normal” rainless situation and the Santa Ana Wind season.

Councilmember Koretz and Joe Edmiston were joined by fire officials from both the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fire Division as well as local Homeowners Association leaders, community members and CLAW (Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife).

AIDS Walk Los Angeles

[AIDS Walk Los Angeles](https://la.aidswalk.net/Day-of-Event-Info) is one of the great fundraising and consciousness raising efforts of our times. This year's Walk will be held on Sunday, October 23, starting and ending in Grand Park in Downtown L.A. For more info on the day's schedule for the 10K, including celebrity participants, a map of the event and information about street closures, please visit <https://la.aidswalk.net/Day-of-Event-Info>.

In its 31 years, AIDS Walk Los Angeles, the world's first walk to fight an epidemic, has drawn hundreds of thousands of supporters to walk, and millions more to donate, raising more than \$82 million to combat HIV and AIDS and support crucial efforts helping the thousands of men, women, and families affected by the disease in Los Angeles County. Councilmember Koretz is proud to have participated in nearly every single edition of the Walk since its inception, and is looking forward to joining in again, this year.

The funds raised at the event remain a vital lifeline that sustains APLA Health's prevention, care, and advocacy programs. Proceeds also benefit more than 20 other HIV/AIDS service organizations that are able to participate and raise funds through the Community Coalition Initiative (CCI).

Visit [APLA Health](#) online to learn more about the life-changing programs and services it provides. For more information on HIV/AIDS, visit:

[Los Angeles County Department of Health](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[Office of National AIDS Policy](#)
[U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#)

A big thanks!

On October 13th, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation answered the call of Councilmember Koretz and did its part to increase the safety of our local residents. Afterward, the Century Park East Homeowners Association expressed "A HUGE THANK YOU... This morning your team arrived in front of our building to paint and place the "Keep Clear" signage on the southbound Century Park East left hand turn lanes. We believe that your efforts will greatly help the traffic flow, reduce the traffic accidents and alleviate some the ingress/egress issues at our condominium complex. Thanks so much for working with us."

Councilmember Koretz and his staff are always eager to work with local residents, neighborhood organizations and city departments to promote public safety and improve every community's quality of life. The Councilmember thanks the Century Park East Homeowners Association and the Department of Transportation for their dedication, cooperation and leadership in achieving important improvements.

All Veterans Town Hall Meeting

Councilmember Koretz attended the All Veterans Town Hall Meeting on October 18. It was held at the Wadsworth Theatre at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center Campus. The VA hosts this event a few times each year in order to hear directly from Veterans their questions, concerns and ideas regarding the services and programs on the campus. Ann Brown (pictured below), Director of the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, was the speaker for the October 18th event and answered questions directly.

Veterans Day is coming up on Friday, November 11. The West Los Angeles VA Medical Center Campus will be the location for "America's Parade." Former L.A. Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda, who served in the U.S. Army in active duty from October 1945 until Spring 1947, will be the Grand Marshall. For more information, please visit: <http://www.legion.org/honor/234470/america%E2%80%99s-parade-coming-los-angeles>.

A Taste of Encino

The 29th annual "A Taste of Encino" was held on Sunday, October 9th, and it was a tremendous success, delighting a huge number of local residents and businesses as well as visitors to Encino. Along with the fine variety of food and beverage offerings, there was a lot of entertainment, a health fair, a kids fun zone, craft vendors and community booths. The Encino Chamber of Commerce does a great job of bringing the community together through this fantastic event, and deserves a lot of praise and thanks, as do all the involved sponsors, businesses and volunteers. Congratulations, Encino and everyone responsible for "A Taste of Encino!"

Staff members Jasmine Shamolian, Cara Goldman, Gurmet Khara, and Gregg Erlich were present at Councilmember Paul Koretz's booth at this year's Taste of Encino.

Firefighters of Encino Fire Station 83 at Taste of Encino.

Bruin Shelter Grand Opening!

Congratulations to the Bruin Shelter's grand opening as our nation's first student-founded shelter for students experiencing homelessness. This student-led housing initiative is helping the most disadvantaged students at University of California Los Angeles and Santa Monica College. For your crucial efforts we thank you!











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